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Decision Granting Petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) *The declaration of express abandonment is recognized*

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) that was filed on September 30, 2002, for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized and the application has been withdrawn from publication.

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 Application No.: 09 /916,819 Group No.: 3625
 Filed: Jul. 30, 2001 Examiner: Smith, J. A.
 For: CIRCUMFERENTIAL RETRACTOR APPARATUS

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PETITION FOR EXPRESS ABANDONMENT TO AVOID PUBLICATION
 (37 C.F.R. § 1.138(c))

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NOTE: An applicant seeking to abandon an application to avoid publication of the application (see § 1.211(a)(1)) must submit a declaration of express abandonment by way of a petition under this section including the fee set forth in § 1.17(h) in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process. Applicant should expect that the petition will not be granted and the application will be published in regular course unless such declaration of express abandonment and petition are received by the appropriate officials more than four weeks prior to the projected date of publication. 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(c).

NOTE: "A written declaration of abandonment must be signed by a party authorized under § 1.33(b)(1), (b)(3), or (b)(4) to sign a paper in the application . . ." 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(b).

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10* OK FOR ABANDONMENT
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Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:

(1) A registered attorney or agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.34(b);

(3) An assignee as provided for under § 3.71(b) of this chapter; or

(4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter."

1. Applicant hereby petitions to expressly abandon this application, effective as of the date publication of this application is prevented, and concurrent with the filing of a continuation application
2. The petition fee of \$130.00 under § 1.17(h) is paid as follows: so as to be co-pending.

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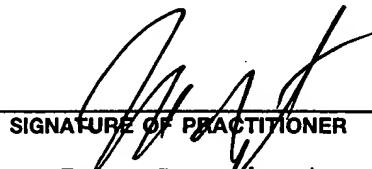
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3. Please note that a continuation application was filed via express mail on Sep. 18, 2002. A Serial Number was not available at the time of mailing the present document.

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